

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 25, 2004 (BOS Mtg. 4/6/04)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Commendation of Public Safety Employees Upon the Occasion of Their Retirement from County Service

Recently, Firefighter Lloyd Keith Ballew and Captain Patrick J. Murray retired from long and productive careers with the County of York.

Firefighter Ballew was hired as a career firefighter on February 10, 1975, after serving for four years as a volunteer member of the department. A talented firefighter and driver/pump-operator, he was noted for his commitment to the care and upkeep of his assigned apparatus. He even made repairs on fire apparatus pumps in the years preceding the County performing that kind of work in a centralized garage or maintenance facility. In addition, Firefighter Ballew was an excellent mentor and helped train many new firefighters assigned to "B" Shift. He also received the County "Employee of the Quarter" award in 1995 for his performance in rescuing and saving the lives of an unconscious woman and her two unconscious children in an early Christmas morning residential fire. Throughout his career, Firefighter Ballew's service as a firefighter has positively impacted many members of the department and has helped to improve the quality of life in York County and make it a safer place for its citizens, businesses, and visitors.

Captain Murray was hired as a career firefighter on September 20, 1978. He progressed in his knowledge and skills as a firefighter and was promoted to captain/station commander on July 11, 1989. Captain Murray was comfortable working in any part of the County. He particularly enjoyed working at Fire Station Three in the Bruton area of the County and Fire Station One in the Grafton area of the County. He was assigned to Fire Station One on "C" Shift at the time of his retirement. Captain Murray coordinated the department's fire hose maintenance and testing program for many years and was frequently assigned as the acting shift commander for "C" Shift when the battalion chief was absent. Throughout his career, Captain Murray's service as a firefighter and captain has positively impacted many members of the department and has helped to improve the quality of life in York County and make it a safer place for its citizens, businesses, and visitors.

Proposed Resolutions R04-64 and R04-65 commend Firefighter Ballew and Captain Murray for the services they rendered to the County during their careers with the York County Department of Fire and Life Safety, and I recommend their adoption.

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